

THE LAW OF THE HARVEST

2 Cor.9:1-6

2 Cor 9:1 *Superfluous:* beyond what is required or necessary

2 Cor 9:2 I am aware of your eagerness & willingness in area of giving. I have bragged about you to believers in Macedonia. You were ready to give an offering a year ago and your zeal was a tremendous challenge to others to do the same.

2 Cor 9:3 I sent Titus, Luke, and others. I don't want them to come and see you in a totally opposite light than I have described you to them. Be ready when these men come to pick up the offering.

2 Cor 9:4 Lest Sopater of Berea, Aristarchus, Secundus of Thessalonica will be embarrassed, but our embarrassment will be nothing compared to yours.

2 Cor 9:5 I encouraged other brethren to get to you before I do. To make sure the gift you promised is on hand and waiting to be sent. You were given advance notice so that this offering might be ready. This gift should not come as the result of pressure. I don't want to be the motivator of your offering. I don't want to come and put you on a guilt trip.

Paul had no problem asking people for a pledge.

Don't see he told them to give a specific amount

Do see he challenged them to fulfill their commitment to give what promised.

2 Cor 9:6 The law of spiritual action and reaction

The law of proportionate rewards

The law of sowing and reaping

The law of the harvest

The size of the harvest is always directly proportional to the amount of seed sown.

If you are a stingy or reluctant giver, then you will get back a stingy return.

If you are a generous giver, you will get back a generous return.

Three laws in relation to sowing:

1. Always have a seed

2. It must be sown

3. Then comes the reaping

In like manner--Law of Likeness

In multiplication--Law of multiplication

In time--Later date

The reaping always comes later than the Sowing

Luke 6:38

Good measure: get back what gave plus extra

Pressed down: The farmer throws extra on the top and presses it down to allow more room for more grain in the bag.

Shaken together: Filling all empty spaces

Running over: More than expected.

For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Whatever measurement you use in your giving, the same measurement will be used when God gives it back.